

Body of Young Woman, Club Victim, Found

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SAN JOSE—The body of a young woman, savagely beaten beyond recognition, was discovered today in a vacant lot only a few blocks from the city's downtown business district.

The body, nude except for nylon stockings and a few pieces of costume jewelry, is believed to have been dumped in the lot's tall grass some time last night.

Chief of Detectives Bart Collins said the woman was clubbed repeatedly on the head and face. Samples of her fingerprints have been taken in an attempt to identify her.

Collins said the woman apparently had been murdered elsewhere and transported to the vacant lot by automobile.

Medical tests were ordered to determine whether she had been sexually molested.

The victim is described as being in her late 30s, 5 feet 6, 135 pounds, with dark hair. Police said she may possibly have been of Mexican or Oriental descent.